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For: CONTINUOUS SINGLING OF LOOSE SHEET MATERIAL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent or publication listed is submitted herewith.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOT LISTED ON FORM PTO-1449

Included herewith is the international search report in the corresponding PCT application PCT/EP2004/007245, of which this application is the U.S. national stage. Also included herewith is the German search report in corresponding German application 103 30 107.0 from which the pending application claims the benefit of priority.

CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
(Non-English Language Documents Only)

DE 19516582 relates to an integration system for two piles of sheets of paper having a free end of grid bar that compensates for differences in height at leading edge of pile.

DE 4424287 relates to an auxiliary stacking device for paper sheets having carrier elements that are formed as roller members which by non positive locking form an extended path consisting of inner links and outer links supported by pivot bolts.

DE 19512505 relates to separating loose paper sheets so that the next stack to be separated is already in position for vertical follow on an input compartment while the stack in a separating position is separated.

EP 0535361 relates to a sheet feeder for non-stop processing with a loading facility to replenish a stack of sheets. The feeder has a grid to hold a residual stack while a fresh stack is loaded onto height adjusting support.

The relevancy of the non-English documents is self-evident in view of the international and German search reports.

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

English-language translations of DE 19516582, DE 4424287 and EP 0535361 are not available to the applicants. English language abstracts are provided herewith for each of these documents.

An English-language translation of DE 19512505 is found in corresponding U.S. 5,803,446.

CUMULATIVE INFORMATION

DE 19512505 corresponds to U.S. patent 5,803,446.

STATEMENT OF TIMELINESS

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the filing date of the above-identified U.S. National Patent application, or (ii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified International Application, or (iii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the International Application that has been assigned the above-identified U.S. Patent application number, whichever applies.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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U.S. Patent Documents

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	5,011,126	April 1991	Yasuhiro et al			

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Other Documents (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Place of Publication, Etc.)

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